

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2379 - HB 3041

February 12, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a party from bringing a civil action for damages against a manufacturer, packer, distributor, seller or advertiser of food claiming weight gain or obesity caused by long-term consumption of food. Exceptions are provided for circumstances where the alleged weight gain is a direct result of violation of a state or federal regulation on food content and labeling or other material violation of state or federal law applicable to the manufacturing, marketing, distribution, advertising, labeling or sale of food.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant

Decrease State Revenues - Not Significant

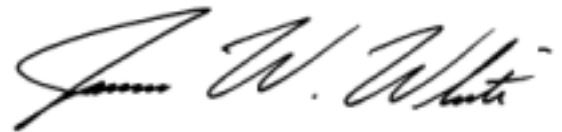
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes some decrease in cases in the court system, which will result in less state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and less state and local government revenues from fees, taxes, and costs collected; however, such decreases will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director